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SUBJECT: COMMISSION OF INQUIRY APPROACH ON DROUGHT

1. MESSRS. MEWAEL MEBRATU AND HUSSEIN ISMAEL OF ETHIOPIAN COMMISSION OF INQUIRY CALLED AT EMBASSY AT THEIR INITIATIVE AUGUST 16. THEY EXPLAINED THAT COMMISSION NOW BEGINNING ITS WORK, AND THEY HAD BEEN CHARGED WITH TASK INVESTIGATING IEG'S (READ AKLILU CABINET'S) PERFORMANCE IN THE (WOLLO) DROUGHT DISASTER. COMMISSION WOULD WELCOME DOCUMENTS WHICH MISSION MIGHT MAKE AVAILABLE BEARING THEREON AS WELL AS ITS ASSESSMENTS ON SHORTFALLS IN IEG PERFORMANCE.

2. COMMISSIONERS WERE TOLD THAT MISSION'S RESPONSE TO THEIR REQUEST WOULD HAVE TO CONFORM TO CARDINAL PRINCIPLE NON-INTERFERENCE IN ETHIOPIA'S DOMESTIC POLITICAL PROCESS. COMMISSION'S TASK CURRENTLY CENTRAL THERETO. EMBASSY ACCORDINGLY PREPARED PROVIDE FACTUAL INFORMATION ON US RELIEF CONTRIBUTIONS; IT COULD NOT RPT NOT, HOWEVER, PROVIDE INTERNAL USG DOCUMENTS NOR ITS CONCLUSIONS/EVALUATIONS ON IEG PERFORMANCE. COMMISSIONERS APPEARED TO ACCEPT THIS POSITION. BRIEFING PER ABOVE GUIDELINES THEN PROVIDED.

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